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SUBJ: ISLAS ORCADAS-RECAP 30 NOV - 2 DEC.

1. FORMALIZING BETZEL TO LEWIS TELECON 30 NOV  
ARGENTINE NAVY ANNOUNCED MORNING 30 NOV DISCOVERY OF  
MAIN PROPULSION ELECTRICAL PROBLEM ON PORT SIDE. DIFFICULTY  
RELATES WITH VOLATAGE, REVOLUTION PER MINUTE AND REMOTE  
CONTROL GENERATOR MOTOR UNIT. LATE IDENTIFICATION THESE  
PROBLEMS AFTER APPARENTLY SUCCESSFUL SEA TRIAL EARLIER IN  
WEEK AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF UNDERWAY TIME FOR ONE  
DEC A SURPRISE. PROBLEM WITH PARALLELING NUMBER ONE  
AND TWO AUXILIARY POWER DIESEL GENERATOR REMAINS  
UNCHANGED. AT NOON 30 NOV UNDERWAY DATE FOR CRUISE  
III CHANGED TO TUESDAY, 3 DEC. DUE TO PREVALENT  
LABOR LAWS IN ARGENTINA ALL TESTING AND REPAIR  
ACTIVITIES IN ORCADAS ENGINE ROOM CEASED AT MIDDAY  
SATURDAY 30 NOV UNTIL MONDAY 2 DEC.

2. ARGENTINE CIVILIAN TECHNICIANS PLUS SHIPS FORCE RECOM-  
MENDED TESTING CALIBRATION, AND REPLACING COMPONENTS  
IN BOTH MAIN PROPULSION AND AUXILIARY POWER UNITS MID-  
MORNING MONDAY 2 DEC. RESULTS OF THESE EFFORTS  
WILL BE REPORTED WHEN KNOWN.

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3. ALL U.S. SCIENTIFICS TEAM MEMBERS ON BOARD AND AS OF

TODAY MONDAY HAVE MADE GOOD USE OF THIS EXTRA IN-PORT TIME TO SQUARE AWAY LABORATORY AREAS AND SECURE NEEDED CHEMICALS FROM LOCAL ECONOMY. DR. PARK DEPARTED FOR SANTIAGO, CHILE, 1 DEC.

4. FOR THE GOOD NEWS, DR. EL SAYED, MR. GIMENEZ FROM THE ANTARCTIC INSTITUTE AND NSF REPRESENTATIVE LOCATED THE SEA WATER AUTOMATIC ANALYSER THIS MORNING IN THE HYDROGRAPHIC INSTITUTE WAREHOUSE. IT WILL BE RECEIVED ON BOARD ORCADAS THIS AFTERNOON.

5. NSF POLAR 291048Z NOV IN HAND. RECOMMENDED HERO CARGO BE SENT USHUAIA SINCE OTHER PALMER CARGO ALREADY THERE.

6. BEST ESTIMATE FOR CRUISE III UNDERWAY DATE NOW WEDNESDAY 4 DEC AND ENTIRELY DEPENDENT UPON SUCCESS OF ARGENTINE ENGINEERING EFFORT. ALBERT BETZEL SENDS. HILL

NOTE BY OCT: NOT PASSED.

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